(iv) All Southern States are to cover their villages by VPTs by 2001.

(v) A committee under MOS(C) has been set up to identify technologies appropriate to the need of the country.

(vi) A committee under Advisor (O) has been set up to suggest ways and means to provide world class service in big cities.

(vii) Pagers have been supplied to line staff for speedy clearance of faults in all State capitals.

Raid on Bengali T.V. channel owner's offices

974. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a raid was conducted on a Bengali T.V. channel owner's all offices in the country;

(b) the reasons for the recovery being not as expected; and

(c) whether there was any case of suspected leakage of information from local sources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the search proceedings undisclosed income of Rs. 23,10,684/was admitted. Total Income is, however, yet to be determined under the provisions of the Income Tax Act.

(c) No, Sir.

Charges levelled against former Revenue Secretary

975. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the suspended Additional Commissioner of Income Tax has accused the former Revenue Secretary and present Secretary to PM of gross criminal misconduct in connection with Voluntary Disclosure of Income Scheme (VDIS);

(b) if so, the details of the charges made;

(c) whether Government would have these charges inquired into by a suitable investigating agency; and